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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The claim amendments filed 12/06/2007 are non-responsive. In the previous Office action mailed 11/07/2007, the Applicant was informed that The Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences affirmed the rejection(s) against independent claim 1 and claims 2 - 7, but reversed all rejections against claim(s) 8 - 10 dependent thereon. Claims 1 - 7 have been cancelled by the examiner in accordance with MPEP § 1214.06. Therefore, only claims 8-10 are pending and can be amended. Applicant is given a ONE MONTH TIME PERIOD from the mailing date of this letter in which to present the dependent claims in independent form.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LAUREL LASHLEY whose telephone number is (571)272-0693. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday, alt Fridays btw 7:30 am & 5 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron, Jr. can be reached on 571-272-3799. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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